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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 January 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 15-20 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,8 and 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3-7 and 10-14 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-2, and 8-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mills (U.S. Patent No. 5,815,505).

Regarding claims 1 and 8, Mills teaches a method of selectively enabling each of a plurality of respectively different circuits (see figure 3, DAA 206, 207, 212) of a multi-function circuit (see figure 3, communication device 200) arrangement to perform its respective signaling function, each respectively different circuit requiring use of the same external passive circuit component (see figure 3, host CPU 241) to implement its respective signaling function, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a single external passive circuit component that corresponds to the same external passive circuit component (see figure 3, host CPU 241), and

in association with performance of each respectively different circuit function of the multi-function circuit arrangement (see figure 3, DAA 206, 207, 212, communication device 200),

enabling that one of the plurality of respectively different circuits (i.e.,

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loading instruction of one of DSP cores) which performs the each circuit function, while selectively disabling (DAA is default) one or more others of the plurality of respectively different circuits which do not perform the each circuit function, and

coupling the single external passive circuit component to the one of the plurality of respectively different circuits (see figure 3) (i.e., coupling signal from the active transmission line), while decoupling the single external passive circuit component from the one or more others of the plurality of respectively different circuits (see col.10, ln.35-45; other DAAs defaultly decoupled).

Regarding claims 2 and 9, Mills further teaches a method wherein step comprises coupling single external passive circuit component to the one of the plurality of respectively different circuits through a selectively controlled switching circuit having a plurality ports respectively coupled to the plurality of respectively different circuits, and a component coupling port coupled to the single external passive circuit (see figure 3, host CPU 205, CODE 205).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 3-7, and 10-14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

4. Claims 15-20 are allowed.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. In order to expedite the prosecution of this application, the applicants are also requested to consider the following references. Although Manchester et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,574,333), and Caine (U.S. Patent No. 6,566,957) are not applied into this Office Action, they are also called to Applicants attention. They may be used in future Office Action(s). These references are also concerned for supporting the system for a mosfet-bipolar complimentary symmetry driver with local feed back for bias stabilization.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Tuan A. Pham** whose telephone number is (703) 305-4987 and E-mail address is: **tuan.pham@USPTO.GOV**.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Curtis Kuntz, can be reached on (703) 305-4708 and

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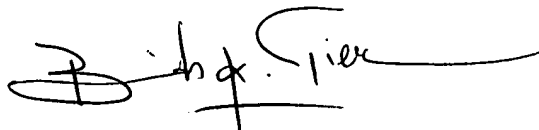
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Date: February 19, 2004

Examiner

Tuan Pham

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**BINH TIEU
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